

A COMPENDIOUS

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cellent uertues of a certain lately inuentid

oile, callid for the uuorthines thereof

Oile Imperial.

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same is to be usid, to the benefite of

Mankind, against Innu=

merable diseasis.

Vuriten by Thomas Rainold

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TO HIS SINGVLAR

frind Francis Mery marchant of the Cite of
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uuishith, al belth.



HE strong obligation
uuherein, throu your spe=
cial humanite, y find mi=
self right straightli obli=
gid and bound, uuil in no
uuise suffer forgetfulnes
of the infinite benefites
daili receauid at your
hands in to mi mindful
mind to make eni unlau=
ful entree.

But continualli calling on, & setting before
mine inuuard eyes, on thone side, the uuaighti burden of
bound dueti, on thouth, the feoble correspondencie of
mi smal poure, engendrith in mi fantasi so perplex and
douteful deliberation, that cōparing the remiſſnes of mi
slender poure, uuith the exceſſ of your ſingular meri=
tes, y can conceaue but ſmal hope uuith ſo litil force,
euer to diſcharge me of ſo greate and graue a bond.
Notuuithſtanding, uuilling in this behalf to enſue the
example of honeſt dettars, as ye, I am certain, do of gē=
til Creditors, uuhereas y am not able at one paiment, to
aquite the total ſum of mi due det, if as pour, time, pla=
ce, and occation do geue, y declare mi ſelf, in that y mai,
ſumuuhat touuards, and readili uuilling, y dout not but
your uuont curteſi uuil accept diligēt endeuar, in place

of a meane contentation. Vwhereas a feu moneths passid,
ye bought, onli oppon mi commendation, a certain por=
tion of the Oile, surnamid Imperial, thereoppon requi=
ring me to uurite you a short memori of the most nota=
ble qualitees thereof, so soone as conuenient leasar uuold
suffer me, parteli to persurm mi promes to the inuentor
of the said Oile longsih made, but cheifli glad to embr=
ce this occation, uwherebi y mought seeme to haue found
sum matter, therein to shou the inclination of mi hart
touuards the accomplisshemēt of eni your uertuous de=
sires, y fourthuwith toke in hand to compile, as ye see, this
simple and rude treatise. The uuhiche, albeit it shal mani=
festli appere far & uuide disansuuerable, bothe to your
expectation, mi desire, and also the uuoorthisnes of the
matter, yet y trust ye uuil haue respect rather to the
prompt good uuil of one, uuhiche in eueri thing to his
utter, is muche fainar to gratifie, then habile, to satisfie
suche his rare & approuid frind. And in your so doing,
ye shal encrease in me sprite and courage, by litil and li=
til, to excogitate hereaffter sum matter more peraduen=
ture agreeable bothe to your appetite, and also mi fan=
tasi. In the meane uuhile, fare ye most harteli uuel.
From Venice the first of Marche.



HONOR, saith
the good old pro
uerb, nourishith
art: whiche saiēg
of no less uerite,
then antiquite, if
in oure aege as in
times auncient were remembrid and
regardid, no doute but, th' actiuite of
mens witts at this present being no
less liueli, and forward then, the same
of them in times passid, there wold be
brought furth in these our daies, as gre
ate effects of wittie ingene, as haue
ben from time to time from our aun
ciēt prediceffars successiueli hitherto
receauid: who hathe so litill wordli
experience that loking abroad seith
not with his eyes, withī thies feu yea
res, in al kind of arts and sciences su
che an increase, yea perfection engen
drid & upsprung, that almost it sea
mith there can be no addition made to

that the late wits of men haue contri-
uid, inuentid, and throuhli furnifhid?
So that the fine industrie and sharp
wittines of men in thofe latter daies
in al maner of knouledge, & experiē-
ces, haue fo far and earnestli trauelid,
and eache his science fo renuid, & pul-
lifhid, that the excellēt effects and in-
ventions, of thes feu yeares, mai be
cōparid, and eſtemid equivalent with
the inuētions of mani hundrith yea-
res before. Examples hereof be fo ma-
ni & plentitul, that were it to mi pre-
ſent pourpoſe, y mought therewith
furniſhe furth a greate uolume. But
as there be diuers, whome the ſight
and fruition of faire fruitcs do muche
delight and reioice, ſo be there wel
few, whome the care to ſet, or chea-
reſhe the plāts wherfro ſuche fruits
mought be lookid for, doith eni thing
touche. wherebi it cummith to paſs,
that mani of whome outhewiſe mo-
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ught be hoopid greate aboundance
of excellēt fruits and uertuous inuen-
tions, eather for lack of sufficient suc-
kor, as the ueri humor of there tree,
thei can not encrease, ne til due season
nourishe there fruit, but are constrai-
gnid to suffer them perishe in the
blossome, or if there good aduenture
be, to attaigne unto the perfection of
fruit, the same, with the blasts of en-
uie is so windshaken, that the tree of
his fruit litil praise & les proffet en-
icieth. That foule uice of ingrati-
de, right mani apt & hable witts, from
the atcheauing & entreprise of mani
wurthie matters, doith daili, no doute,
withold & greateli discourage, hauing
ouer muche regard & respect, tow-
ards the uilite of that comon raigning
deuillishe uice. But in there so doing,
as peraduenture thei mai be commē-
did for wise, circumspect, & maintai-
gnars of therecoune tranquillite and
quiete

quietnes, so yet suche priuate pruden-
dencie is open iniurie & enimite to
the common welth of mankind and
al posterite. Yf oure auncients wold
haue ben abashtid, or withholden frō
wel doing, or writing, for eni suche
respects, raigning in there dais as mu-
che ingratitude as nou in ours, we
shold haue found ourself at this ti-
me, in so profound darcknes & igno-
rancie of al uerite, that litill shold be
the difference betuene us and bruit
beests,

Treu it is, that to the said incom-
modite of Enuie be subiectid, in maner
with oute exception, al suche, who
with there pen, paine themself to pu-
blishe eni kind of matter, nameli
being annexid with sum noueltie
or rarenes. For anon as in writing
aman haue his concepts once dischar-
gid, & set at large, ful mani Iudges, &
of as uariable senses & opinions doith
that

that pour writing furthuuith acquire:
Sum wil improue it because nothing
can like them but there oune: Sum, be
cause thei not wel understand the
matter: Outher, to seeme therebi the
wisar and more skillful: But he that
is so tender ouer his name that to
shun and auoid the nipps of girning
Enuie, wil abstaign and forbare to
puttfurth eni suche talēt, whereuuith
the geuer of al goodnes doith endue
him, take he heade, leest whilst he sea-
kith by that meanes to seme wordli
wise, he becum ungodli wickid: For
somuche as it ought to be persua-
did to al unfainid Christians, no man
to be wise, to be cunning, mightie,
ritche, or eni outhier giffit at gods hād
to haue receauid, for his oune oneli
peculiar aduauntage, glori, promotion,
welth, or pleasir, but thereuuithal to
the utilite, commodite, & benefit of al
mē, in that mai lie in him: And where

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as ther be mani and mani things, we
reof the brittel and feoble nature of
mankind hath daili necessite, & indis
gence, as wel to the safte maintaining
and upholding of his helth & wel
fare, as also to the repairing & restor
ring of thesame being enithing de
caied or emperishid, who so can
deuise or inuent eni maner of thing
whereby man mai perceauer, and the
better continue in good helth, or fal
len therefro, the sonar and moore ef
fectuousli recouer the same: Suche
inuentor and deuifar in mi opinion,
not onli meritith praise and cōmen
dation of al them that wourtheli be
cōprehendid under the name of man,
but also in conscience is straightli
bound, to publishe it so largeli, that
the utilite thereof mai be extendid &
spred ouer al men: For therefore, no
doute doith god enspire diuers men
with fundri knouledge, that each

with outhers frindeli communicating
his receauid talent, one therebi shold
find himself the nearar bound & be-
holding to the outhers.

So that by suche impartial distri-
bution of his manifold graces, god
hath throu his diuine pollici, in a cer-
tain amite, & leege, meruelousli unitid
and knit al this wide wordle to ge-
ther: Vvere it not, that one man, one
Cite, one Nation, had neade of an ou-
thers cōmoditees, wisedome, counceil,
help, serueis, soukar, ritches, uerili one
wold contemn & neglect an outhers
wurs then straunge doggs togea-
ther.

Considerid then, that gods bountie
doith thus gather and bind us in one,
throu his indifferent liberalite, who
that enuieth, dispraisith, detractith an
outhers giffit, malignith, despacith, re-
prouith, and doith open contumeli
euen to god the geuer thereof. Nea

ther forcith it how smal in apparence:
suche qualite do seame: forsomuche
as al & sum, the less with the moore,
re, at his hands ought to be taken
with like thackfullnes: neather is eni
thing to be take as litil or smaul, that
from so plentiful an hand proceedith:
But what shold y speake of the
smalnes or greatenes of eni qualite,
when al that consistith in the accepta
tion of mans light hed: Vve see daili
certain arts and qualitees, had in the
top of al estimation, there Artificers
embracid, honorid, & enritchid, whiche
notwithstanding solitil proffite
the comone welthe of men, that muche
rather thereto thei be mere pernicious
& dammageable: wurtherie, if
oure Iudgement, throu blind appetite
were not wholi corruptid, to be forgotton,
unexercisid & utterli banishid: wheras
in the meane while many innocent arts,
auaileable to al men,

necessari, godli, uertuous, eather lie al
together neglectid, & unesteamid, not
able to minstre unto there poure
practisars a scarce liuing, orels be ue
ri slenderli regardid & scantli lookid
on: So that as it is oft and trueli said,
eueri thing as it is taken, and not as
it is in de de.

But as we see that great heaps be
compilid of mani smaul handfulls, if
eueri man for his part, setting aside
disdaign at outhers uertue, wold cō
tend in al his life to contriue or in
uent one oneli feate in eni what soe
uer science conducible to mankind,
it is easie to be understandid to what
ēcrease & absolutenes within feu
yeres al maner of sciences mought
attaigne: And to approoche sum
uuhat neare to mi pretēdid pourpose,
In the noble science of Phisick, as it
can not be denied, but that the clark
cks of times passid professing the

same, haue uniuerfalli in eueri part thereof, so earnestli and fruitfulli traueled, that great wonder, & theruithal excedding pleaser it is to behold the curiouse and ingeniouſe industrie of them. One deſcantiſg oppon another, to inueſtigate and right oute nothing miſtaken or miſtought by there prediceſſors: to explicate and cleare thiſgs obſcureli & darkli by ourſelues, eather throu breuite, or els rudeſſes, entreatid of before: to Compoſe and deuise medicines of moſt efficacie againſt al maner of Maladies infeſting the weake bodi of man: briefli to ſtable and reduce that worſthie ſcience, ſo neare as the debilitie of mans brains could approoche, unto Suche exactnes, that of a diuining & geſſing nouledge it mought becom a certain & unſallible ſcience. Euenſo as wel, it can not be trueli denied, but that in this oure time god hath ſteas

ridup excellent uertuous witts whiche so straitli cal to examination al the doctrine and documētts lefft from the auncients, waieng, & so aduifidli trieng, the sincere from the contrarie, that if thei procead as thei haue begun, it is like within feu yeares, that sciēce wil be so renuid, refreshid, and purgid, that thei whiche hitherto haue boren al the bruit, & haue obtainid al autorite, wil leese a greate portion of there creadit, & be reputid rather for good meaners, then perfeite true teachars.

This diligens not alone in the speculative parts of Phisick is usid, but also in the practiue, daili being inuentid, more effectuous, more sicure, and more expedite remedies against diuers tedious, dangerous, and hard curable diseases. Hou mani faire Simples are nou in cōmone use, whiche to oure forefathers were utterli unknowen

& unseene: As Reubarb, Sene, Cassia
fistula, Manna, Sugre, Ambre, Musk,
Ciuet, Camphire, Turbith, the herbs
Angelica, imperialis, with a nūbre of
outher simples of excellent graces &
qualitees: whiche if thei lackid, the
fairist floures of Phisitions garlants
were gon withal: Again, by the art
of distillation, (unto the auncients ut-
terli unknowen) hou mani faire wa-
ters, Baumes, oiles, and outher suche
things haue there ben of late daies
contriuid, whiche to the pourposes
whereto thei were inuentid be of su-
che forse & efficacie, sum against out-
ward diseases and sum against the
inward that no outher Simple or cō-
post medicines, in times passid diuifid
mai be to them in eni wise cōparid.
For by the feate of destillation the
purar parts and strength being befo-
re biried or drounid in the gross ma-
terialnes of the herbs, Rootes, gums,
seedes,

seedes, wuds, fruittes or outhet what
soeuer simples be artificialli diuidid,
& extractid in suche wise, that the
water, Oile, or liqueur, affter that sort
throu expert handling sublimid &
distillid, in manifold wise surmount
tith the simple wherefro it is subli
mid, whether ye regard the more cele
rite in working, or els the greater effi
cacie in operation.

Vvhat water, Decoctiō, or the best
of wines, can so speedeli confort and
reuiue a parson for weekenes of spiri
tes hauing the hart faile, as the liqueur
callid quintessence, whiche is nothing
els but aqua vitæ, or aqua composita,
by extreme distillation deliuerid from
al waterishnes, resting onli a pure
and excedding subtile essence, whiche
can Iusteli be namid neather fire, Aer,
water, nor Earth: and therefore is
taken to be as il were of a siffit being
or essence, different in nature from the

*The uertu of
quintessence.*

essence, being, or qualite of the.iiii.
Elements: The same also against late
suffetts engēdrid, eather throu natiue
slacknes, and cold complexion of the
stomack, or els by the euell qualite or
ouermouche quantite of meate, hou
mutche it preuailith, daili experience
plainli declarith: And what outhier
liqueur so soone as it receauith impres
sion and vertue of eni thing be
ing but a while steepid therein, and
the same vertue so speedili communi
catith to the boodi that receauith it
outeuwards ouer inuwards as cause
mai require?

The poure of
*Oleum philo
sophorum.*

Vvhat vsual oile, so suuiffthli pe
netratith, or entrith into the skin,
fleshe, and depth of al parts of the
bodie, as the oile namid *oleum philo
sophorum*: So valiantli doith dissipat
discuss, disperse eni collection of
cold knottie, and viscous humors, in
what part of the bodie so euer thei be

found withoutfurth : so effectuousli
healith old aches & pains: dissoluing
& melting, the crassenes & grossenes
of gluy humors: warming, & cha-
sing parts throu distemperancie of
cold debilitate: with outhr infinite
propretees.

Here also, if y listid to be long, y
mought make mention of the oiles of
lignum Aloes, of Nutmeggs, of Clo-
ues, Geniper, Sulphur, Eggs, & ma-
ni outhr things : Vvhiche as thei
be singular against innumerable
infirmities, so be thei, & al that hi-
therto y haue reherfid, far and wide
surmountid in al graces and excellen-
cies, of an oile, not mani yeares sith, bi
a familiar frind of mine inuentid, na-
mid for the wurthines thereof, Oile
imperial. To this oile, al outhr natu-
ral or artificial that thei be, vnto this
dai contriuid or inuentid, be as far in-
feriors, as the coursenes of outhr ba-

The excellen-
cie of Oile Im-
perial.

se Mettallsto the purite and extreme
finess of gold.

But according as is saide before,
as the maner of distillation of wa-
ters, and oiles, is a neuu and late inuē-
tion, to the verie auncient phisitions,
vnheard of and vnknouuē, so the ma-
king of this oile imperial, hathe ben
as wel to the Neuu as to the old hi-
therto vtterli, so far as y can yet ler-
ne, vnknouuen, outhen then to mi sai-
de frind: V who, abought siue yeares
past, affter long labour, constant dili-
gence, & his no smal charges employ-
ed ī that behalf, hauig at lēgth brou-
ght it to pass: for the accustomed fa-
miliarite betuene vs, geuig me a cer-
tain portion thereof, requirid, that y
wold according to mi simple skil in
phisick, sumuuhath enstruct him wher-
eto it mought appeare to be most
cōducible, and what bi reasō y could
iudge the cheif qualitees thereof

shold be.

Vvhen y had wel and aduisedli
considerid the singular grace of thesa
me, and receauid sufficient informa
tion of the particulars, whereof it
was composid, y gessid anon, that it
could not be, but that special and no
table effects against a wordle of di
seases, therebi dueli vsid, shold
to mankind en sue: Vvherefore ac
cording to his request, so far as Art
and reason had taught me, in wri
ting y declarid, what commoditees
were most likeli to belokid for, bi it:
And against what diseases it seamid
to be most auailable: Notwithstanding
for somuche as to iudge the ver
tue of eni medicine onli by art and
reason, without a confirmation en
gendrid by experience, is not aluui
sire, ne voide of paret: I counselid him
not to be ouer bold, vntil suche time
that by leaser, as fundrie occations

shold offer themself, reason bi practise
were establisshid.

Sith whiche time in deade, bothe
he and outhere for there parts, and y
for mine, not onli in England, but also
in diuers outhere quartars beyand
the seas hauing made sufficient pro-
uiss, of the vndoutid good qualites
whereuith abundantli it is enduid
And besides that, being nueli again
by the saide inuentor of this diuine
oile, sollicitatid, with mi rudenes, to
publishe vnto the wordlesuche suc-
cess, and veritable experience, as from
time to time hath ben found, and tried
by practise to be faithfulli true: y tho
ught mi smal labor and paines to be
employed herein, to the satisfaction
of mi frinds honest demaund, and the
vndouted vtilite whiche mought suc-
cede to al them, that driuen throu im-
portunite of suche like diseases, be cō-
straignid to seake for speedie and as

surid reamedie, shold not deserue eni
discommendation, or enuious reproff
of the Maleuolent, but rather the fa-
uorable acceptation of vpright and
honest iudgements.

Plainlie yet confessing, that in mi
self y can not find so exact and suffi-
ciēt hablenes, so liueli to expresse the
valeur of this excellent oile, as the
wurthines thereof wold require, and
minind desire. Onli y mai, and wil
auaunt mi self herein to vse suche sin-
cerire and singlenes of verite, that y
trust none shal haue eni iust occation
to accuse me of vanite, or eni priuate
affection vsid in this behalf: as to ha-
ue extollid the dignite of the saide oi-
le, eni thīg aboue the merits, or aboue
that, the effect thereof, beig, a right
vsid; mai accordingly approue and
cōfirme: And albeit the singular qua-
litees of it be greater, then mai in feu
wurdes be comprehēdid & setfurth,

yet mine intent is not thereof to say al
that mai be saide or w^riten, but onli
by exemplifieng of sum portion of
his infinite vertues, to open the gate,
wherebi the skilful and lernid, bi the
feu experiences here reherfid, mai en-
tre bi them sellf into a brodar camp
of farther knouledge.

To thend also, that the verisimili-
tude of al that shalbe said thereof
mai to the lernid the moore cleareli ap-
peare, here wil y trueli reherse the sum
of the particular ingredience whiche
to the composition of this oile do cō-
curre : withoute yet opening al the
circumstance vsid abought the ma-
king of it, lest the autor thereof shold,
not without a cause claime him self
iniured & wrongid therebi.

The simples
whereof Oile
Imperial is
made.

These be the simples. First, Cloues
Mace, Nutmeggs, the rootes of Set-
wale, of Angelica, Imperialis, Enula cā-
pana, Gentiana, & Petasites; the rinds
and

and kernels of Citrons, Oranges, &
Lemmons: the wuds, of lignum Alo
es, lignum uitæ, and lignum Asphala
thi: thes herbs dried, Origanum Cre
tense, Diptamus Creticus: Scordion
Cretense: Squinantum: folium Indū:
Roosmary: Saueri: Mariorame:
Herb Maudlene: the sedes of Amo
mum, Ameos, Daucus, Basel, Semen
Santonicum: Coriander, and Carui.

Of al these in a certain proportion
mixid and temperid together, bi long
digestion, and at length with a gentil
distillatiō is creatid this cælestial oile,
withoute adding or adioining there
to eni outhere oile or liqueur whatsoe
uer, as y can wel testifie hauing more
then once seene the making thereof:
Pondering then wel the rehersid in
gredience as y haue them faithfulli re
portid, he that wold aufft dout whe
ther is were of a special efficacie,
shold declare mutche his oune sim

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plicite and ignorance in the nature of things: For whereas thei be al and eache feueralli of notable greate uer^{ue} tue, being here conioinid, vnitid, and commixid togeather, and then of the al so incorporatid, the foresaid oile bi singular ingene, as the liffe, perfection, sprite, quintessence and diuinar part, extract and drauen fourth, it must necessarili comprehend in it self the whole sum of the particular vertues natural to al and eache suche simples: & that in more perfectiō & exact wise then thei were before in the simples sellf: no otheruise then Aqua uite skilfulli distillid, muche surpassith the wine werefrom it is destillid, bothe in actiuite, simplicitie, purite, penetration, speedi operation and diuers other wise.

So that as experience witnessith, the same once deuidid from the wine, as the lif and soule there of, the rest re

maining in the bottome of the stilla-
torie, is as a boodi soules & spriteles,
hauing no tast ne rellefs, but al vnfa-
uerie & waterifshe, therein resting no
moore propriete of wine: Euenso the
saide oile, as the veri hart blud & spri-
te, of these reherfid simples, obtainith
in it the effects, & natural propretees
of them al, in far more excellencie, the
the uery self simples had them: And
that because there qualitees, ouermat-
chid, hid & allaid, with the gros ma-
terial substance, and corpulencie, can
not so cleareli declare there force, nor
so exquisiteli excersice there diuine o-
perations, as being by art sequestrate,
diuidid, & deliuerid of al materialnes.
Neather here preuailith the cauillatiō
of sum, whiche mouid eather of en-
uie, or ignorancie, or els boothe, wold
proue that neather this oile ne eni ou-
ther, to be so effectuous as the veri
material composition of the simples

from the whiche thei be extractid, bi
the examples of diuers distillid wa-
ters: of whome sum there herbs be-
ing of bitter qualite, the water parti-
cipatith nothing of that tast, but al bit-
ternes lefft with the herbe, the water
destillith rather suuete: Vwherebi it
mai seame euidēt that suche water lea-
sing the apparent sensible qualitees,
of the herb, shold also thereuithal
want the proprietie due to suche qua-
litees: as is to be seene in the water of
wormwood, and the most part of al
outher herbs.

Hereto y answere that this de-
fect in waters, folouith muche, throu-
the common vndiscrete and rafshe
distilling of them: whereas, were thei
with more leasar and sofft tempering
of the fire curiouseli hādlied, thei shold
retaigne by a greate deale better, the
gust & tast of there herbs, as diuers
warie practisars do know: But hou-

soeuer it cum to pass in waters, in oiles is an nouthar reason: forsomuche as the oile of eueri thig is far more intrinsicall and connatural to the substance thereof: Engendrid by a farther & more exact labor & industrie of nature, in tempering, mixing, intermingling, & circulating the materials or elements together with so mutual and frindli action & passion, the one within th' other, thereto aiding the moderation of internal and external heate as digestar, cōcoctar, and ripar of al, that beig thus once, by these meanes the contrariete & ennimite of the foure Elements conciliate, and accordid together, thei neuer after binne meane can be seuerid a fundar again: So strait be thei enlinckid the one within the other, that what violence so euer is done to them, eather go thei together, eather els valientli remaigne together.

Oile then is the likeur most per-
manent & durable lest subiect to cor-
ruption, dissolution, dissipation: where-
in nature lockith & vpclosith al her
iuels; In things animate, as man and
outher liuing beasts, it is the treasor
of there liff, wherewith there natu-
ral heate, is fed, nourishid and main-
tainid: In plants and outher vegeta-
bles it barith suche autorite, that whe-
re it most Aboundith, there is that
Plant most liueli, continuith longest,
withstandith best al iniuries of wea-
ther, remaignith longar freshe and
greane: as the Baie tre, the Box, the vi-
ne, the olife tre, the herbe Aloe, Rose-
marie, and mani moo.

Vuhereas outher being less oilie
or gummi, hauing a moore fluy, and
waterishe composition, soone fade, &
wither a waie, the weakenes of the
water for eueri smal distemperancie
of weather forsaking the substance

wherein it was.

Being then manifest, that the oile
part of eache thing, is it, wherein the
sprites, life, and cheif vertue of the sa-
me be conseruid and most resident; it
is nothing to be doutid but he whi-
che oute of eni plant can the same sa-
fely withoute ouermuche violencie of
fire extract, shal furth with enioie a
liqueure muche more medicinable a-
gainst al diseases, then the plant self:
By reason that, besides it hathe the sa-
me qualitees, it hathe them in a moore
simplicite & purite: V what diffe-
rence is betuene qualitees annexid
with tenuite, thinnes, or subtilite of
substance, & the same matchid with
crassenes of substāce, vnto Phisitions
it is not vnknouen: Yet not al te-
nuite, thinnes, or subtilite of substan-
ce wurkith with like efficacie in the
bodie of man: Aqua vite, of whome
we spake before, brought by oft rei-

teration of distillation to suche extre-
me subtilite, that no waterie part re-
main therein, so that asponeful or
saufarfull thereof beig set a fire, it cō-
sumith hooli in to flame, withoute le-
uing eni maner of humor or water
behind: Thus handlid, y sai, it is the
most daintie, thin, fine, and simple li-
queur that by mans wit can be inuē-
tid: Not with standing, eni vtter part
of mans bodie being, for sum cause
bathid or fomentid thereuith, skant-
li wil it entre the poores of the skin,
but veri swiffte li throu the smal hea-
te of the skin it smookith and drieth
awai agein, leuing smal empresiō or
efficacie behind it: Likeuise against
eni cold disease, or surfetts being
drunck, what it cando, it doith soo-
denli & oute of hand, warming the
stomack, running euery where abro-
de into the vaines, multiplieng for a
time & conforting the debilitate spri-
tes of

tes of the bodie: but suche his operation right soone ceaseth & his poure vanissheth auuai anon.

This present oile imperial being on eni external part enointid remaineth not without oppo the face of the skin, ne by the heate thereof smoketh or consumeth awaie, but spreadeliper cith, & enterith the pores, in maner without rubbing thereof on the skin: warming, opening, dilating the same part, & being thereunder eni opilation, or collection of knotti cold humours, the same it vndoith, diuidith, meltith, dissoluith, and vtterli disparseth: making waie, & so preparing the matter, that nature, hauing in her eni force mai lightli discharge herself in expelling that, which before throu grossenes, withstode al her poure & endeuoure: Again, the same oile receauid by eni meanes within fourth, warmeth the stomack,

*the efficacie
of oile Imperial.*

dissoluith ventosite, openith opilatios,
or stoppings engendrid of cold hu-
mors; It passith also, albeit not so ha-
steli as aqua uite, into the vaines, dila-
ting it self eueriuuhere; caried to the
raignes or kidnees, prouokith urine
breakith the, stoone: Mounting or
descending, in the outhervaines of
the boodie, for the oili part sake it is
the more familiarli receauid; throu-
qualitees annexid with subtilite &
extreametenuite, dissoluing and ra-
rifieng cold and vndigestid humors
ther found: wherebi thei be made the
aptar, eather to be ouercum and di-
gestid, or els utterli by swet, & outherv-
meanes of Expulsiō to be thrust ou-
te of the boodi: Conuaided to the hart,
it fortifieth and confortith the same,
encreasing the natural vigour & pour
thereof: wherebi it mai the better
withstand the assalts, and inuasions
of eni uenemous or pestelent uapo-

urs, by eni occations creaping the
reto.

These & infinite outhere effects it
wurkith in the bodie of man, as sum
uuhat more particularli shalbe saide
hereafter, and that not flightli or
passingli as aqua uite, whiche doith
but as it were looke into the bodie,
and sodenli bestoing it self abroode,
takith his leue again, not able throu
the extreme simplicitie of his substā
ce, to abide eni while the heate of the
boodie, but of the same ueri soone is
consumid and resoluid: but if it be re
ceauid with ale or wine it endureth
longar in the bodi, and wurkith
moore sadli: The deades and opera
tions of oile Imperial be infiniteli
more constant, & stable: for bi reason
of his oilines, it hathe his substance
better compact, & fixid to gither, and
therefore abidith, & endureth lon
gar while, withstanding the grea

dines of the boodeli heate, fortifieng
and encreasing the same, becumming
thereto an aide and foueraign suc-
kar, towards the vanqueshing, ex-
pulsion, and subduing of eni noisom
and rebel humors; & the retempering
of eni distemperid part.

And albeit that being, as it is, oile,
and therefore sumwhat of substance
more crass, it mought seame, by so
muche, to be less apt with suche ce-
lerite to be distributid into the vai-
nes, as Aqua vite, whiche is, as it we-
re, nothing els but firi aier concretid
into the similitude of water; yet in
this oile the foure elements, yea the
grossest of them, by the benefit of
nature be so subtiliatid, raffinid, and
depurid, that trueli neuer hitherto eni
oile hathe ben, or, in mi opinion, by
the wurke of nature cā be, more sim-
ple, subtile and Aierial, Vwherebi veri
speadeli it exersisith his proprietes, &

soone bestouuith it self abroode.
Farther whereas Odor and gud fa-
uour, concurrant with good quali-
tees is no smal commendation in eni
maner of Medicine or meate appli-
cable to the vse of mans boodie, ma-
king the same the more grate, and
Amiable vnto the receauar, & signi-
fieng sum special grace of mixtion to
the Medicine by celestial fauor &
influence instinctid; no outhere wise
then in Musick, certain concords &
consonancies concurring together,
engender aboue outhere, a merue-
lous suueatenes of armonie & hea-
uenli melodie, rauifshing the hea-
rars in wonderful delight and reioi-
se: albeit that no man readili can al-
ledge sufficient reason wherefore su-
che concord more then outhere, shold
be agreable & pleasant to the eare of
man: But whether the grace of gud
sauour, be to be ascribid unto sum

particular and notable proportion
& consonancie of the foure Elemēts,
or els to sum Quintessential propre-
te, and diuine influx, it wold breede
a long proffess to discufs : Onli this
of oile Imperial mai be affirmit, that
among the oiles al, in good and uer-
tuous odor none mai be cōparid to
it: a plain testimoni that therein be
hid and harborid sprites of no smaul
excellencie.

So that whereas these mani yea-
res there hath ben among curious
witts, greate contrauersie and que-
stion, of the high medicine, namid for
his excellent efficacie, in præserving
and prolonging the life of man, Eli-
xir vitæ; althings indifferentli waied,
and so comparid together, that laude
and præheminencie, mai muche mo-
re iustli be attribute vnto this rare et
wurthie oile, then vnto suche oiles,
waters, Aurū potabile, and outhier

fancies, by diuers alledgid, propofid,
and far aboue there merites exaltid
and magnified: Notwithstanding
to auoid al fantaftical vanite, y faie,
the ueri true Elixir vitæ, maintaignar
and prorogar of the fame, is the hol-
som habite, ftate, composition, or
complexion of the boodi, upholden
& maintaignid with the temperan-
cie of conuenient diete; æquabilite of
natural heate, ftearid vp & quickned
throu neceffarie and moderate exer-
fice: And with excheuing the exces
of al paffions or affections of the
mind: In whome thefe proprieties be
founde, it mai be wel faid, the fameto
haue the veritrade, meane, and elixir
of long and helthsum liffe.

But forfomuche as the blind be-
witchid wil of man, hath renoun-
cid the iuft gouernance of reason, and
yeldid it self as captif to the tyran-
nical iurisdiction of vnbridlid fen-

suallusts and appetites, it folowith,
that fev or none there be, al thouth
there state or complexions be natu-
ralli neuerso firme & good, but that
throu excessiue misuse of bodili ac-
tions and appetites, it is alterid, per-
uertid, and corruptid: The natural
heate, gouernar, framer, deuifar, direc-
tor, and cause general of al opera-
tions in the bodie, eather by super-
fluite oppresid, scarcite deminishid
or euel qualite into distemperancie
alterid: Vuereas then, al the cōfort
strength, motion, sense, al the opera-
tions, & actions of the boodie (be-
ing besidesfurth with his apt and
due membres or instruments furni-
shid) consistith & dependith chiefeli
oppō the safe and temperate main-
taining of the natural heate inclu-
did vniuersalli in al & eueri part of
the bodi; by whose presence eache
part is hablid to attract his conue-
nient

nient nutriment, & the same to digest & assemble to it self, the superfluities not agreeable or not necessary to refuse, and by convenient meanes to expel; by whose moderation also, the vapors or sprites of life, of sense, of motion, be engendrid conseruid & made apt to Animate & steere vp the instruments of the boodie, each to the execution of his deputid office: yff it hap therefore, that the same either by ouer, or vnder, in quantite or qualite, becum oppresid, or decaid, that medicine whiche best, with most expedition, & securite, can help to restore, repaire, and set on foote again the lapse or fal of the said natural heate, aiding and coadiuting it to the uanqueshing and repulsiug of al aduersarie causes, suche Medicine mai, and that not vnwortheli be accounted an Elixir, or prorogar of human life.

This oure Oile, iustli callid impe-
rial, in this case is so mighti and ua-
liant, in helping and Farthering na-
tural heate, to the clearing & vnstop-
ping of al obstructions and stuffing
of eni part in the bodie, in rarifieng
the densite or cloosenes engendrid e-
ni where, by what occation so euer
it be, in encreasing heate decaid, that
his operation surmountith al praise
and commendation : and therefore
mai wurtheli beholden and esteemid
for The verie Elixir of life: The whiche
when ye be disposid to vse aga-
inst eni disease, eather withinfurth,
or withoutefurth, not mindid to vse
the same alone, if ye mix it with sum
other suche simples or composts as
be aggreable to that disease, infiniteli
shal the uertue of that simples or cō-
posts, by the presence of this oile, be
enhaunsid & encreasid, with muche
moore speade and efficacie perfour-

Oile Impe-
rial mai be
amid the E-
lixir of life.

ming there lookid for effects.

And to thend that with the superfluite of mani woords the reader, be not fastidiat & ouer cloied, or there desire to be resoluid of the final and uttar vertues of the said offt mécionid oile, eni longar holden in suspense, y wil hereaffter brieffli, and as it were with mi singlar superficialli point vnto certain particular diseases, against the whiche y, and outhier, haue offtē foud it singlarli souueraign: not partialli describíg eueri smal circumstance to be vsid therein: for that wold becū matter of a greater uolume: and besides that argue in me a superstitious arrogancie, in that it mought seme y had so slender an opinion of outhier mens iudgements, to thinck that vnleese y declarid peese by peese eueri particle, thei shold be to seeke, hou to there pourposes at eni time to applie the same: I knou tho

y shold minse the matter neuer so
smal, or enlarge it so muche as mo^u
ught be, yet feū bether that without
the aduise of sum discrete and lerⁿ
nid phisition, wold in eni Impor^t
tant disease entremedle therewith:
Not that this Oile of it self, is litil or
moore dangerous, but for this reason
that the most innocent medicine in
the wordle, yea oure familiar meate,
& drinck, vsid oute of conuenient sea^s
son, or where it were better forbo^r
ren, or affter sum vnordinate sort, mai
and daili do, brede displeasurs:

To the expert then, that whiche
before y haue al readie in this mat^t
ter said, is sufficient: Not withstan^d
ding for there sake whiche haue not
that discourse nor exact iudgement
of the sequele and consequencie of
things, y wil a litil broodar extend
mi tale, and specifie a certain of the
most notable diseases whereto this

oile is found effectuous: First begin
ning at the hed as capitain general &
ouerfeare of al the rest of the boodi.

In the hed of man, from the sub^{dis}
stance, & the cauls of the brain, al the ^{hed.}
Synues of the bodi be engendrid, &
frome thense by certain meanes, diri
uied and sent furth vnto al outh
er parts of the bodi; Throu the whiche
Sinues, oute of the said braines, as o
riginal and fountain, be distribute and
disparfid the spirits and vapours
of sense and Mouing: without
whose presence, no membre nor por
tion of the bodi can once eather
moue or feele; so that whereas the
mouth and hed spring of the synues
is in the hed, and the sprites opon the
subtilar part of the blud engendrid
do make there, ther first entrance into
the foresaid synues, throu there ca
pacite caried eueri els where: it hap
penith sumtime that, gross, and uis

cous superfluous humours, engendr'd, and amass'd or heap'd in the place, or sum pestelēt, and venemous putrified humor assending frō sum inferior part to the topkaste of the head do obstruct or stopp, more or lesse, the said gates, ports & entries of the synues: Vwhereby doith ensue, that the sprits being prohibitid there accustom'd course, the sense of feeling & motion of the bodi, the one alone, or the outh'er, or bo the for a time is diminish'd or decayed.

be Apople=
cia.

If the Opilation & stopping be vttar and exact, cumming of cold crass humors, it engendrith the dangerous disease callid the Apoplexia: wherein al bodili sense and motion be so brought a sleepe, and failid, that oft times the patient. x x i i i i. houres or more, lieth so senseles that it appearith the same of al liffe to be wholi destitute.

The falling sicknes also proceas
dith of like causes; but the oppilation *the falling*
causing that disease is not so exact & *sicknes.*
extreme; wherefore thei that fal, be
not vterli priuate of sense & motion:
For we see them beating there heds
and bodi; And that beating of there
hed, no dout is done by the instinct
of nature: By reason that whereas
the passage of the sprites of Motion,
is not quite stopt vp, but onli that by
the accesse of suche corrupt humor,
there course is interruptid, and thei
therebi, as it were stranglid, nature
whiche alwais is industrious to saue
herself in her due being, mouith the
patient to bestere himself: but espe-
cialli to steer the part offēdid or gre-
auid; therebi the better & sonar to
deliuer it self from encoumbance of
the wickid humor occatiō of suche
disturbance: as the like maner
she vsith in vometing: at what time

naturalli the stomack is prouokid to discharge it self from noisum humors occupieng that place: And also in the cough the weasand being ticklid, or irritate bi sum humors descēding thereto, whiche, were not the present resistance of that place, wold forcebly entre in to the windpipe, to the perill of strangling the partie.

Item in the Hed happenith an outher tedious disease callid the Palsy.

Vhiche comōli, proceadith of causes not unlike the foresaid: houebeit not so vehement ne dangerous. And most times ensuith rather of distemperantie and debilitie of the instrumēts of mouing, whiche be the synues, then of eni aboundance, or euil qualite or quantite of humors oppilating the mouthes of the saide synues.

Farther, in the Hed do raign the diseases callid, Caros .i. the sleaping

ping sicknes: And Vertigo, that is, the
Turnsicknes, or swimming of the hed:
with Catalepsis, whiche signifieth as
tounnidnes, or Amasidnes: with di-
uers outhers: Al whiche, with the rest
what soeuer thei be, haue sum time
there causes onli in the hed, and sum
times, or rather most, take ther origi-
nal of the stomack.

For, the stomack in comparison of
the hed, mai be resemblid to the pan
or bottome of a stillatorie; and the
Hed, to the deck or lembick of the
stillatori: so that, what soeuer humors
or outhers matter is found in the sto-
mack, the same throu the natural he-
ate of that place resoluid in to reekes,
fumes, or vapors, and the saide vapors
stieng from thens and breathing up
in the hed, as thei be affectid & di-
sposid in them self, so do thei affect &
dispose the hed & his parts: If then
such vapors be stincking, corrupt, e

uilsauorid, resoluid from sum putri-
fied & rotton humors, thereopō, be
engendrid in the Hed, other the
Turnsicknes, the Palsie, the falling si-
cknes, or els sum outhier notable grief:
as Apostumations in fundrie regions
of the hed: whiche when thei beripid
and broken, send furth the matter by
the eares, or the noose, or the roose
of the mouthe, or eyes, or outhierwise
as nature findith most accomodate
place & region to thrust furth suche
matter: oft times also it engen-
drith stincking and rotten teathe and
brette, with discoulorid eyes, & dus-
kid eye sight: as also trooblid wittes
& euil memori.

Against al these inconueniens; oi-
le imperial takin inward, beit alone
or cōioignid with outhier cōuenable
things (as anon shalbe saide) shouith
exceding efficacie: throu his holsome
& aromatical odor, with correspon-

dent qualities, cōforting the stomack,
driēg v p, and sincerig al putrifactiō:
the uertue whereof mounting into
the hed, there cuttith, deuidith, and di-
sparfith al crasnes & tenacite of hu-
mors, attenuating matters congeilid
& cludderid together: opening al o-
pilations, chieff causars of the apo-
plex, palsie, falling sicknes, sleapig sic-
knes, Astunnidnes, swiming, rin-
ging, singing, & piping in the eares;
dispatchith old aches be thei ī the fo-
repart or hinder part of the hed, or
ells in the sides of the hed, callid Mi-
gremes: it makith the brethe swete: it
cōfirmith the Memoratiue part, dul-
lid by reason of cold, or outhewise
euil disposid humors: It fortifieth the
vigueur and pour of the synues: En-
creasith also the liuelines & agilitie of
the sprites bothe of motion & sense:
clarifieth the eyesight, quickenith the
sense of odor or saour: and likewise

the sense of hearing: Stearith vp the
viuacite and present readines of wit
and comprehension or vnderstan-
ding.

a pretious me-
dicine made
with oile im-
perial.

The vse of the saide oile in these
cases, accompanied with outhur sim-
ples hauing respect to suche diseases,
as y haue oft vsid, is in this wise:
Take of the floures of rosemarie, sa-
ge, betoni, ysope, Gelifloures, primro-
ses, Couslips, damask roses, of eache
of these floures the waight of. vi. pēs:
of the freshist leaues of Mariorame,
of winter sauerie, Terragon, penni-
rial, and swete garden Mints: of eache
the waight of. i i i i. pens: of the sea-
des of Peoni, of Basil, of swete Fenil,
of Anise, of eache the waight of. i i i i.
pens: of fine Cinamome, nutmeggs, &
Mace, of eache the waigth of. v. pens:
And whereas al the foresaid floures
cannot be had at one season: let eache
in his season be gatherid, & that in a

faire drie morning,affter the sun haue
one half or one hole houre , shone
thereopon:then on a faire linen clot
the lai them abroad in the aier , oute
of the sun to drie altil , the space of
vi. or .viii. houres:whiche done,take
the foremencionid waight of the,
and thre times as muche white su-
gre,beatē first to pouder:and in a sto-
ne mortar beate the floures and sugre
together til thei be wel tēperid th'o-
ne with the outhur,conserue wise:
the whiche ye shal reserue in sum
broode mouthid glasse or galli stone
pott,vntil ye haue al your flours in
readines: And as hath ben saide of
the flours , so do likewise with the
herbs in eueri point: As for the ou-
ther drie droges,ye shal beate them in
to pouder,and after, in a stone mor-
tar with the conserue of the flours , &
herbs , stamp them and mixt them
perfetli in one , adding thereto, drop

after drop, the quantite of. ii. spones
fuls of oile Imperial, continualli stee-
ring, and stamping, til al be wel in-
corporate together: This precious
Electuarie, not alone against the abo-
ue reherfid diseases, but also, al outh-
inward diseases is most mighti and
present remedi: And as the disease is
greater or lessar, so is it to be vsid in
more or less quantite, and ofttnar or
seldomar times: Being the disease
greate, it is to be taken two times the
daie: that is. iii. houres before diner,
and. ii. hours or more after suppar, at
eache time the quantite or waight of
ii. grootes: eather alone, or els with
sum destillid water, or sum gud thin
brotth; or if the partie be of comple-
xion veri cold, with sum maluesie, or
romeni, or outh-er gud white wine:
thus continuing the space of fortie
daies: Presupposing that if the quanti-
te or qualite of the humors causars of

suche disease, do require it, that the same by the aduise of sum expert Physition shold be purgid & clenfid, to thend the medicine mai the better & with more success wurk: not forgetting to vse therewithal, conformable & accomodate diete.

But who that listith to receaue it withoute being accompagnied with suche, or outhere conserues, shal find it nothing the less vertuous in his operation; at what time it is to be taken at the foresaid prescript seasons, one quartar of a sponesul at once, with i i i i. or. v. sponesfulls of Muscatel, or outhere swete wine, otherels with as muche of the brotthe of mutton, vele, or chicken: Sum dipp therein a morsel of bred, & so eate it: supping affter it, a doosen sponesfulls of thin brotthe: Outhere take it with figgs, or with a litle clarified honi, or sú syrupe, sugre, or eni cōserue: as the conserue of rooses,

how oile imperial is to be taken alone.

of borage, Bugloss, rosemarie, and su~~ch~~
che like: there be also that rolling the
pouder of liquerise in this oile, make
thereof pills, the whiche thei swallow
whole: eueri man as his stomack can
serue him best: Not that the oile of it
self is lothesum or tedious to be re~~ce~~
ceaid, but for because there be mani
of so tender stomacks, that the same
wil admit nothing ministrid in the
name of a medicine, vnless it be coue~~r~~
rid with sum outhier more familiar
thing: Howsoeuer ye deale with it, so
it be conuaied in to the bodi it ma~~k~~
kith no greate matter: and that ye re~~m~~
membar to encrease or diminishe,
the quantite of it, proportionalli to the
vehementie, or slacknes of the disease:
As that the smallist quantite be. v. or.
vi. drops: The greatist half a sponesful
at once, not that in exceding the said
measure there were eni peril, but be~~c~~
cause the same mai seame sufficient
for

for one time against eni neuer so
strong & rebel disease.

Thus whether it be ministrid a-
lone, otherels, according to the di-
screation of the phisition, matchid
with outhr agreable medicines, it
bringith furth suche effect, as of eni
wurthie medicine mai be lookidfor:
And that not alone in cold diseases
but also in the hott: For, whereas co-
mōli there is no hot disease but that
it is engendrid by inclusion & em-
prisoning of sum humors, be thei hot
or cold, in al the vaines, or in sum
cornar of the vains, bouwels, or ou-
ther intrailes, or eni fleshie or muskli
part of the bodi: where being coartid,
pent, & straightnid, thei putrifie smo-
ulder, and kendel an vnnatural fire or
heate, yea tho the humor before
suche inclusion were neuer so cold,
no outhewise then wette Hey or
Strau, laid in a close house withoute

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vent,& the said putrified humors as
thei putrifie more and more, so wex
thei hotter and hottar, by whiche
heate again thei resolute in to suche
reekes & fumes, that the place whe
rein thei be in stoppid and lodgid,
becumming to straight for them, thei
strive, and contend to get furth: but if
al yssue be denied them, then suche
strife, and contention, turnid into ra
ge, and furie, fillith the poor patient
ofttimes so full of intollerable angui
she & dolor, that deathe were to be
preferred.

Therefore that, whiche can vn
stop, & set at large suche humors, by
consequent cureth the disease thereo
ensuid: for suche furious fiery hu
mors, being once enlargid, and set at
there libertie, soone dispatche, dispar
ce, and consume the self: thereto hel
ping the expulsive power of nature (if
she haue not bene to muche already

oppresfid)inset in eueri membre, and
part of the boodi, to repel frō them
self things noisum: For this reason a
gainst al Intermittting agues, as the
Quotidian, the Tertiā, and the Quar- *against al da*
taī agues, this Imperial oile is muche *gues.*
excellent: because that the seueral hu
mors, causes original of these foresaid
Agues, throu putrefaction chaungid
& alterid from there natural state, re
maign pen tup and incloosid in sum
spetial place, where thei cā not brea
the, euēt them self, ne easeli get furth.
Vuerefore to vnstop & enlarge al
suche opilations, one houre before ye
suspect the ague shal inuade the pa
tient, geue him to drinck one quartar
of a sponesful of oile imperial, with
xii. or. xv. sponesfulls of posset ale, or
wine, or sum outhier good thin brot
the, forthwith doing what mai be
done, to prouoke the partie to swee
before the fit of the Ague do entre:

Iff ye list to vse the Electuari, whereof
we wrote before, ye mai as wel: but
in case, besides the said drinck, ye en-
noint all the ridge of the patients
back, from the raings vp wards vnto
betwene the sholders, with the oile
of Camomel temperid with a litil of
this soueraign oile, the better shal the
ague be preuentid, and the sonar shal
the patient swet: This ordar being
kept .ii. or .iii. times, before the assault
of the fitt, no doute al the occation of
suche Ague, wilbe dischargid: onless
besides furth there be to greate disor-
dar in diete.

against the
pestilence.

To preferue eni man from the in-
fection of the pestilence, if he take ea-
che daie, or eache outhier dai, in the
morning fasting, of the aboue writin
Electuari, or of this oile alone, one
smal quartar of a sponesful, with sum
suche things as be remēbrid before, it
shalbe found singular in preseruing:

But if eni be already seasonid with the plague, then twice the dai, morning and euening, with a quantite of barley water, or sum outhier thin brotthe or rather with the mountnance of a walnut of gud Thriacle, or Mithridatum, geue the infectid half a spoonful of this oile, incontinentli prouoking him to sweate: and diet him besidesfurth, as appertainith:

Also against poisons, stingings, or bitings of eni venemous beasts or mad doggs, the said oile taken as before with Mithridatum, or theriacle withstandith the venemosnes of suche sting or bite, from approching neere or inuading the hart or eni outhier principal part: Is likewise conuenient to be ennointid oppon the place stung or bitt; or to be temperid with Emplastars vsualli made for suche purposes, wherebi there vertue retractive shalbe made dooble: Besi

against poi-
sons & venōs

des, that the subtilite of the oile ente-
ring suche wound wil alter and effe-
blishe the malice of the venime, that
tho it do penetrate farther in the bo-
di, yet accompanied and matchid wi-
th the saide oile, it shal haue no pou-
re to do eni violēci to the parts whe-
re it shal pass by.

*for the swoo-
ning.*

For them that are muche disposid
to poue, or swoond, if, affter eni sort
thei list, it be efftsones vsid, it shal deli-
uer them of that Infirmite: to them
that be swounid or faintid. v. or. vi.
dropps thereof withe a sponeful of
white wine or Muskatel pourid in
to there mouth, there temples also, &
ther nosegrels rubbid therewith, re-
uiuith & callith them again to them
self.

*against dis-
eases of the
splene.*

There be whose Splene or Melt,
is so obstruct and stopt with gross
Melācholious humors, that neather,
according to the due office of that

bouwel, it can by attracting the Melancholi part, deliuer the blud ther of: neather yet expurge it self from that it hath already conceaued, the passages bothe of entrance, and yssue being obstruct and stopt up. Vuerebi ensuith diuers greuous dispositions of the bodi: for whereas the Melancholy humor, is the dross, dreggs, & as it were the lies, & terrestrial part of the blud; remaining vndiuidid & vnsequesterid from the purer part of the same, it farith furth, & passith eueriwhere, with the blud, troobling, darckning, obscuring the clarite and brightnes thereof: as the purite, and clearenes of wine is defacid, and discolorid, and the good relles thereof destroied, when the lies hanging in the substance of it, trouble the same: nether can be by sum slyght, depurid therefro, and the lies to his place, the bottome, returnid a

gein: Thei in whome the blud affter
this sort is with fuche felouſhip in-
fectid, be inclinid muche to al Heauie-
nes, penſifnes, withoute eni external
cauſe: thei feale the light of there
witts and ſprites, obfuſkat, & darck-
nid: thei abhor and hate compani,
deſirous of ſolitarines; be ful of diſpa-
ire, weepe, murne, by them ſelf cauſe-
les: be muche ſuſpitiouſ, ſoone take
vnkindnes and diſpleaſirs, reioice in
nothing, aud weri of this liſ, oft deſire
deathe: al theſe, with mani mo tedious
paſſions, folou & moleſt the, whoſe
blud is aſſoſiatid, withe that ſad, &
black humor the Melancholi: But
to greatar danger, and perillous paine
be thei ſubiectid, whoſe Melt, as ha-
the ben ſaid being obſtructid, the
black humor that therein reſtith, at
certain ſeaſons ſwellith, puffith, &
heauith up, like ſoure leuen or barme,
in dowe: or as vineger, or ſtrong wa-
ter

ter falling on the earth, his fith & lif-
tith vp it self in bubbles or bladders:
throu the whiche swelling and in-
flatiō, the bowel of the Splene, whe-
rein suche soure Melancholi humor
is comprehendid, is bi that occation
distendid, and puffed vp, more then his
natural: and therefore requirith more
roome or place then he was wont, to
the iniurie and oppresion of his
neighbars: as pricipalli the Stomack
& the Midriff: whereupon oft times
during the time of suche inflation, if
it be vehement, the patient leasith his
speche: because the Midriff is, shorte-
nid or interruptid of his due scope, or
wont course: and the stomack na-
meli the mouthe or entrie thereof,
molestid and straighnid bi the swol-
len splene, whiche lieth in maner o-
uer thwart the stomack: For, these
parts be as chief, in enlarging or wi-
tholding the speche: as in the Sto

mack mai be seen by daili experien-
ce: if a man swallowe a pece of meete,
breade, or outhier thing, whiche not
strait enterith in to the capacite of the
stomack: but restith and staieth at
the mouth of the stomack so long
'as the same there remainith, the
partie in no wise shalbe hable to
speake one word: and that for di-
uers causes nedeles in this place to be
reherfid.

The said splenetic patients, not a-
lone faile of there speache, but allso
manitimes haue there mouthes drau-
wen on the one side, there eyes staa-
ring, a continual assai, and endeuer, to
speeke, if it wold be; with veripainful
retraction of the sinues; so that mani-
times immediateli ensuith deathe with
muche anguifshe, to the greate com-
passion of the beholdars: Against al
these incommodities, whether it be
with inflation of the splene, or onli a

continual hardnes, and swelling thereof, nothing can be excogitate more present remedie, then the dailie vse of this Oile after suche sort as hath bene before prescribed: together with oft ennoointing of the left side vnder the small ribbes, with this effectuous oile: and by mixtion thereof, with eni suche ointment or plaister as can be deuised to that purpose.

There be few, that at one time or other haue not felt the bitter dolor of the collick; or the sharp stabbs and stiches in the brest, sides, or other where, distending, stretching, & as it were racking, tearing, & pulling a sundre the gutts, the brest, or other part where eni ventosite is so enclosed & pent, in that in no wise it can get furth: This Oile then, receaued by the mouth after eni sort it pleaseth the patient, or the phisition to minister it; conuained also with a glistar in

against the
collick or
stiches,

to the gutts, or if neade be ennointid
on the belli, the side, the brest, the sto-
mack, or eni outhere place wher suche
ventosite is engendrid & includid, mi-
ghtili dissoluith, disparfith, and van-
gueshith the same, and that in smal
time.

*for the cru-
dite of the
stomack.*

So that mani being encombrid
with crudite, or raunes of the Sto-
mack, and by consequence with ven-
tosite, oft belchings, & curling, mur-
murig or rumbling in the gutts, by
vsing once the daie or once in .ii. da-
ies, half an houre before diner. .iii. or
.iiii. drops of this oile, more or less, ac-
cording to the cause, haue recouuerid
good digestion with concoction of
al crudite.

*Against the
stone.*

For the stone, be it in the Rains or
in the bladder, being receauid alone
or temperid with outhere conuenient
things, and the rains without furth
ennointid therewith alone, or alaid

with the oile of rooses, or bittar almons, to the phisitions discreation: likewise if the stone be in the bladder, thereof conuaied into the bladder, & the neck of the bladder, or the shaare with it curiously enointid, it penetrateth, & by penetration breaketh, powderith, and crummith the stone, in suche wise that no outhere medicine can be found of the like speedi efficacie towards that purpose.

Against the greene sicknes in women, and the stopping or staieng of ther natural course, as also to dispose them the better to conception, whether it be drunken, or with conuenient meanes (as wemē and phisitiōs do knou) cōuaied to the priui places, it hath ben found alwais a thing of greate and readi success.

Against impotentie to the works of generation, bothe in man and woman, proceeding eather by infrie

for the greene
ne sicknes.

gitation of the parts generatif, or sum
obstruction, withstanding the due
course of the sprites & vapors, mo-
uers and steerers to that act, this Im-
perial oile, therewith oft times being
enointid the parts generatifs, is ueri
singular.

Against the
flux of na-
ture.

Take of Mastick, of the floures of
Pome granate, of Mirtil beries, of ea-
the half an ounce: beate them to pou-
der, and temper them with .vi. spo-
nefulls of this Oile, inclosing al to-
geather in a litil vial of glasse, setting it
a sunning, ten or twelue dais; with
this oile ennoint the neck of the
bladdar, whiche lieth betwene the
foundment and the yard, with also
bothe the genitories, eueri dai twise
& therebi shall cease, be staid & stop-
pid, the continual flux of nature, whe-
rewith mani be muche greauid & ef-
feoblifshid.

for the cou-
gh.

Against the cough, and whising

or whistling of the throote, for short
brette, & al maner of stopping or
stufing in the Lungs, take this oile
with sú Syrupe of liquerise, of Mai-
denheere, or hyssope: or mix it with
swete buttar and sugre, and so vsing
it, it shal cleare and vnstop the lungs
merueloufeli.

For the touthe ake, the gums the
re with rubbid, or in case the touthe
be hollou. .iii. or .iiii. drops thereof cō-
uaied into the holones of the touthe,
swagith swiffli the anguishe and
dolor thereof: and if there be eni pu-
trifactiō therein, the same drieth & sin-
cerith it.

Against the swellig abought the
throote callid the kings euil, the same
being two times the dai enointid wi-
th this oile alone, or ells mīglid with
sum outhier weaker oiles, with patiē-
ce by litil & litil, resoluith and consu-
mith quite awai.

for the tou-
the ake.

the kings euil.

310 The whole hed therewith, nou et
then enointid, preferuith the heere frō
falling, and conseruith them in there
naturall coulor, withstanding bald-
nes and hoorenes, causith the here, in
the hed or berd to prosper and grou
long; the whole hed likewise enno-
intid, and thereof conuaid into the
nostrills, purgith the hed, openith
the sense of smelling, and wurckith
stoutli against the Apoplex, the pals-
sie, and suche outhere diseases of the
hed. ii. or. iii. drops pourid in to the
eare, clearith, the sense of hering, and
breakith apostumations in the hed
if eni suche be; the two temples, and
the noddell of the hed, once in a wee-
ke ennointid with it, causith good &
freshe memori.

Against the sciatica, whiche is a
greate paine in the hipp: against all
old and neu aches, in the shulders, ar-
mes, ioints, leggs, feete; old bruses, bo-
the

the within & withoutfurth ; against
the Morpheu, the leprie, serpigo, salt
flegm in the face , with mani outh
infections of the skin : Against
old soors, Fistulas , the stincking
exulcerations of the frenche pocks,
with an infinite number of outh
Infirmities , to long here to be reci
tid , it is so excellent, that to declare
them one by one , and to shou the
particular vse of this gracious oile
with al circumstances , were suffi
cient to occupie a greate volume:
Vuherefore to auoide farther pro
lixite, with this smal declaration, the
gentil readars for 'this time shal hold
them contentid : leauing the rest to
the iudgement of the discreate & ler
nid in Phisicck.

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